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of Ottapalam asked them to vacate their residences. Will the Government kindly inquire into the matter and see that the workers are allowed to stay in the Colony? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rather than the workers addressing the M.L.As. and sending a copy of the representation to the Government, I would suggest to the workers to send their own representation direct to the Government."

Kozhikode Harbour

* 899 *Q*.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government regarding the construction of a harbour at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government will start the work?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Facilities to tapioca cultivators

* 900 *Q*.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum in August 1954 from the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad, Malabar, regarding the fixation of minimum price for tapioca, starting of a sago manufacturing industry in Malabar, transport facilities and loans to tapioca cultivators; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) This Government have not received any memorandum direct from the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad, Malabar. But the Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Union Ministry of Food and Agriculture forwarded to this Government a copy of a letter of Sri A. K. Gopalan, dated 10th August 1954, addressed to the Union Minister for Industries and Commerce, wherein he has brought to the notice of the Union Minister certain requests relating to the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad taluk in Malabar.

(*b*) (i) No request relating to the fixation of minimum price for tapioca has been mentioned in the above representation.

(ii) The conclusions of the Government in regard to the other requests are as follows :—(1) The Government do not consider it necessary to set up a Sago Manufacturing Industry, as the policy of the Government is not to set up any industrial undertakings by themselves but to give assistance to private enterprise to do so.

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(2) The Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture is being asked to move the Railway Administration to provide additional wagon facilities for the transport of tapioca to consumption centres at favourable rates.

(3) The question of forming multi-purpose co-operative societies of tapioca cultivators is under the consideration of the Government.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that the market price for one candy (about 500 lb.) of tapioca was Rs. 80 to Rs. 100 last year and that it has come down to Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 this year. As a consequence, the tapioca cultivators did not even pluck the tapioca roots because the expenditure involved in plucking them would be more than the price that they could get in the market to-day. May I know what steps the Government propose to take to relieve these cultivators from the distress that they have fallen into? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps, the tapioca cultivated in Malabar is mostly consumed by the sago industry in the Salem district. But as hon. Members are aware, there has been a set-back to this industry. The products of this industry are not easily marketable and that matter has been taken up by the Government of India. This Government are also looking into the matter to see what they can do.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that the policy of the Government was to give encouragement to private enterprise. Does the policy of the enlarging of the public sector belong only to the Central Government and not to the State Government? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That is not so. Regarding industries like the sago manufacturing industry, I said that the policy of this Government was not to set up any industrial undertaking themselves. The hon. Member, experienced as he is, is quite well aware that this Government are themselves interested in concerns like electricity undertakings.''

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to say, in reply to a previous question, that the Government would favourably consider any representations received from the people direct, and not through the representatives of the people. In this case, a representation has been made by a Member of Parliament. Am I to take it that only representations from the persons who are in the Parliament will be favourably considered? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am sorry the hon. Member has entirely misunderstood what I said although I spoke in very simple English. There should

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have been no difficulty in the hon. Member understanding it correctly. What I meant was this. If a communication is addressed to an M.L.A. and a copy of such communication is sent to the Government or this Minister or that Minister, that will not receive as much attention as a representation addresed to the Government. Of course, if the M.L.A. forwards any representations from the people, certainly the Government would give all their attention to them."

SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" Certain difficulties in finding a market in the Calcutta City for the sago manufactured out of tapioca have been removed by the recent orders of the West Bengal Government. Will the Government, therefore, see that the export of sago from Salem to the Calcutta City is expedited? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not know exactly what the present position in regard to that matter is. I shall look into it."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" மேல் வங்காள சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்த பின்பு மத்திய சர்க்கார் ரயில் மூலம் ஜவ்வரிசியை ஏற்றுமதி செய்வதை நிறுத்திவிட்டார்கள் என்று தெரிகிறது. மீண்டும் ரயில் மூலம் ஜவ்வரிசி ஏற்றுமதி செய்ய மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு இந்த சர்க்கார் சிபார்சு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" பார்லிமெண்டில் இருக்கக்கூடிய இவர்களுடைய சகாக்கள்தான் இந்தச் சிபார்சைச் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதன் பேரில் இந்தச் சர்க்காருடைய யோசனையும் கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்தச் சர்க்காரும் அந்த யோசனையை ஆதரித்திருக்கிறது. இது இனி மத்திய சர்க்கார் கவனிக்கவேண்டிய விஷயம் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினருக்குச் சொல்லவிரும்புகிறேன்."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" ഭക്ഷ്യക്ഷാമം വന്ന കാലത്ത് കപ്പക്കിഴങ്ങ് മലയാളികളുടെ ഒരു പ്രധാന ആഹാരസാധനമായിരുന്നു. ഇന്ന് കപ്പകൃഷി നശിക്കാൻ പോവുകയാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവണ്മെണ്ട് ഒരു subsidized price ന്' കപ്പ വിലക്കു വാങ്ങിയെങ്കിലും ഈ കൃഷി നിലനിർത്താൻ ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதிலே அவ்விஷயம் கவனிக்கப்படவில்லை."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" எங்களுடைய சகாக்கள் இதுபற்றி பார்லிமெண்டில் சொல்லிக்கொண்டிருப்பார்கள் என்பதில் சந்தேகமில்லை. ஆயினும் இந்தச் சர்க்கார் இந்த ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள மக்களின் கஷ்டத்தை நேரில் உணர்ந்திருப்பதினால் இதுபற்றி என்ன சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்றுதான் நான் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதற்குப் பதில் நான் முன்பே சொல்லிவிட்டேன். 'The Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture' அவர்களுக்கு ரயில்வே வாகன் வசதிகள் செய்து கொடுத்து இவற்றை ஏற்றுமதி செய்வதற்கு வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கையை எடுக்குமாறு எழுதியிருக்கிறேன் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். அதற்குமேல் இதைப்பற்றி சொல்வதற்கு ஒன்றுமில்லை."

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Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I am grateful to the Hon. Minister for attending to the grievances of these cultivators. But may I inform him that in my constituency alone some two lakhs tons of tapioca roots are being held up? The poor cultivators had spent what all they had on this cultivation. It served to a very large extent to allievate the distress of the people when there was scarcity of food. Now, these cultivators are not in a position to do any other work because the roots have not been sold and their capital is held up. Will the Hon. Minister see that some help is given to them to save them from unemployment and consequent distress? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may assure the hon. Member that this Government will take all possible steps to secure relief for these poor cultivators. But I may also suggest to the hon. Member that he may find and easily find some resources in order to start a sago industry in Malabar district."

Appointment of temple trustees

* 901 *Q.*—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have made any rules or fixed any qualifications regarding the appointment of trustees to temples?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Under section 22 of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951 (Madras Act XIX of 1951), a trustee of a religious institution should be a person professing the Hindu religion and, except in the case of a hereditary trustee, be not less than twenty-five years and not more than seventy years of age. The Act or the rules do not prescribe any other qualification."

Sri A. K. SUBBIAH :—" டிரஸ்டிகள் கோயில்களுக்குச் சொந்தமான நிலங்களை மொத்த குத்தகைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொண்டு உள் குத்தகைக்கு விவசாயிகளிடம் விடுகிறார்கள்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" ஒரிஜனல் கேள்விக்கும் இதற்கும் சம்பந்தமே இல்லையே. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" சர்க்காருடைய விருப்பு வெறுப்புக்
9–10 a.m கேற்றபடி கோயிலுக்கு டிரஸ்டிகள் நியமிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். இம்மாதிரி பாரபட்சம் காட்டப்படுவதைத் தவிர்க்க சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" பாரபட்சம் காட்டுவது என்று சொல்வதே அங்கத்தினருடைய விருப்பமாக இருக்கிறதென்று தெரிகிறது. எந்த டிரஸ்டிகள் நியமனம் விஷயத்தில் எந்தவிதத்தில் பாதகம் காட்டப்படுகிறதென்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொன்னால் கவனிக்கப்படும்."